



State of Tennessee

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 342

By Representative Shepard

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Clifton Wade Long, 2011 Valedictorian of Dickson County High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Clifton Wade Long is one such exceptional student who was recently named Valedictorian of the 2011 graduating class at Dickson County High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Mr. Long has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in his remarkable high school career, Clifton has earned an exemplary 4.0 grade point average, while participating in numerous extracurricular activities including Beta Club, History Club, Student Council, Math Team, Concert Choir, Barbershop Chamber Singers, Key Club, and Drama Club; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Long's estimable leadership skills have enabled him to serve his fellow students as a student representative for the Beta Club, treasurer for the History Club, the Concert Choir president, and a student representative for the Dickson County Teacher Banquet; and

WHEREAS, his athletic prowess is evidenced by his participation in varsity cross country, where he served as team captain, varsity track, and his selection to the 2010 All Mid-State AAA Team; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of his singular achievements in both academics and athletics, Clifton Wade Long has received numerous awards and accolades, including Honors in math, Spanish, English, history, and science; the U.S. Achievement National Honor Student Award; American Legion Boys State in 2010; second place in Austin Peay State University's (APSU) Geometry 2008 Regional Math Contest; Top 5 at APSU's Algebra II 2009 Regional Math Contest and Pre-Calculus 2010 Regional Math Contest; American Mathematics Competitions 10 School Winner; second place at the State Beta Club Math Contest; and Most Valuable Player for cross country in 2007-2008; and

WHEREAS, strongly committed to community and public service, Mr. Long has endeavored to serve his fellow citizens by delivering Christmas gifts to Christmas Angels, building homes for Habitat for Humanity, and participating in Christmas Outreach for Head Start; additionally, this remarkable young gentleman mowed yards for the disabled and participated in numerous mission trips to Missouri, North Carolina, Virginia, and Alabama; and

WHEREAS, an active and devoted member of Walnut Street Church of Christ, Mr. Long faithfully participates in youth choir, quartet, and Most Girded in the Truth, and has delivered numerous sermons at many area congregations; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Long's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for his future success; and

WHEREAS, Clifton's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for his parents, Stephen and Kimberly Long, his school, and his community; and

WHEREAS, Clifton's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

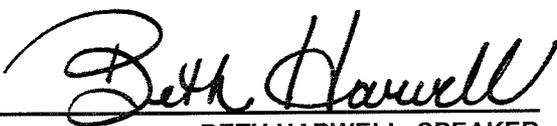
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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and honor the 2011 Dickson County High School Valedictorian, Clifton Wade Long, on his impressive academic achievement and extend to him our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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ADOPTED: MAY 5, 2011



BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 16th day of May 2011


BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR